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Police seek information in dog bite

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From the Asheville Police Department:

ASHEVILLE – The Asheville Police Department is asking the public's help in identifying the owner of a dog that bit a 28-year-old woman as she was walking near the Five Points restaurant on Broadway earlier today.

The woman was not hurt seriously, but the dog did break skin when it bit her on the leg. The APD's Animal Services Unit wants to locate the owner to verify the dog's vaccination status and to take the necessary steps to protect the woman against the rabies virus.

The woman described the dog owner as an African American woman who appeared to be in her 60s. She described the dog as possibly being a Chow, with white/tan colored fur. The dog was wearing an orange bandana around its neck and a red harness. Despite being on a harness, the animal managed to bite the woman as she was walking by.

The owner refused to give her name or contact information to the victim and left the scene with the dog.

Anyone with information on how to contact the dog's owner is asked to call the APD at 252-1110 or Animal Services Unit Supervisor Brenda Sears at 259-5872.

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